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Request No.: 1404070-000
Subject: BELL, ARTHUR WILLIAM, III

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the FOIA that are responsive to your request. We made these records available in the FBI's electronic FOIA Library (The Vault) on the FBI's public website, <http://vault.fbi.gov>. On the right-hand side of the home page, under the heading "Vault Links" you can search for your subject alphabetically (click on "A-Z Index"), by category (click on "Categories"), or by entering text into our search engine (click on "Search Vault"). For records responsive to this request, please enter "Arthur Bell" as the search term.

The available documents represent a final Vault posting of information responsive to your FOIA request.

Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request.

- ☐ Additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. Please inform us by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov, faxing 540-868-4391, or standard mail if you would like the FBI to conduct a search of the indices to our Central Records System.
- ☒ Additional records responsive to your request were processed but are not currently available on The Vault. Please inform us if you would like to receive these records.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV- (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL III-VICTIM;
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: Open and assign case to SA [redacted] based on information received concerning threats against the life of Arthur William Bell III, also known as Art Bell, a radio talk show host.

Details: SSA [redacted] received a telephone call from Art Bell and [redacted] Premier Radio Network, concerning threats made by [redacted] to [redacted] Last Name Unknown, of [redacted] via interstate E-Mail and telephone conversations.

SA [redacted] also spoke by telephone to Art Bell on 12/10/98 and interviewed Bell at his residence on 12/11/98. Bell provided details and a tape recording of the conversation with [redacted] also known as [redacted] Last Name Unknown. Results of the interview are documented in an FD-302.

On 12/14/98, SA [redacted] spoke to Detective [redacted] [redacted] Police Department who will obtain subscriber information on [redacted] at the telephone number given. SA [redacted] will maintain liaison with Detective [redacted] regarding a follow-up interview of [redacted].

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Date of transcription 12/24/98

[redacted]
[redacted] Premiere Radio Networks, 734 E. Pine Street, Central Point, Oregon 97502, telephone [redacted] cellular [redacted] [redacted] was telephonically advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview and thereafter voluntarily provided the following information.

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[redacted] was able to provide the following information about [redacted] by the name of [redacted] telephone [redacted] (North San Diego County area code) and has a web site at [redacted] He has no further information on [redacted] but would attempt to locate descriptive information.

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[redacted] also reported that Art Bell continues to get a [redacted] faxed a sampling of the e-mail which is attached and made a part of this document.

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by SA [redacted]

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To:

Agent 

From:

Re: Threatening Letters To Art Bell

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I'm sorry to have to subject you to the following rubbish. These are a few examples of the hundreds of faxes of this type that Art Bell is receiving. Naturally, we are worried about his safety.

If I can help in any way, feel free to contact me.

Thanks for all your help.

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Date of transcription 12/11/98

Arthur William Bell III, also known as Arthur Bell, and Art Bell, date of birth June 17, 1945, Social Security Account Number 264-72-9933, was interviewed at his request concerning threats against his life.

Bell explained that he is the host of a syndicated radio talk show that airs to approximately 420 stations. He has an audience of between ten and twelve million listeners a week. The show is owned by Premier Radio Networks of Medford, Oregon. The contact at Premier is [redacted] [redacted] cellular phone [redacted] Bell's show is on between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. week nights, and deals with fact and speculation concerning the paranormal, extra-terrestrials, unidentified flying objects and advanced technology aircraft of the United States.

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On December 11, 1998 at approximately 2:16 a.m., Bell received a facsimile of a typed letter from [redacted] which stated that he had information of "grave importance which may involve you" (meaning Bell.) A copy of the facsimile is attached and made a part of this document. The communication went on to state that the [redacted] had contacted [redacted] and was in fear of her life due to information she had on [redacted] and Bell. Bell called [redacted] during a break in the show at approximately 2:30 a.m. and spoke to him for approximately one and a half minutes. During the conversation [redacted] said that the woman referred to in the letter, [redacted] wanted to talk to Bell and he asked for Bell's number for her to call him. Bell said that he would call the woman and requested her number. [redacted] who was on the Internet with [redacted] asked for her number to give to Bell. She provided the number to [redacted] who then verbally gave it to Bell.

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At the conclusion of the show, and shortly after 3:00 a.m., Bell called [redacted] at the number given. That number is [redacted] and located in [redacted] Bell recorded the conversation and provided a tape to the interviewing agent. The taped conversation was also played for the interviewing agent during the interview with Bell. In the tape, [redacted] advised Bell that her true name is [redacted] and that she has [redacted] a name that is [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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familiar to Bell. She advised that she has known [redacted] for

[redacted] From the context of the conversation it appears that they may have met in [redacted]. She stated that she has

[redacted] and is angry at Art Bell for sabotaging [redacted] and that he wants to kill Bell. [redacted] had claimed in previous conversations

By way of background, [redacted] is known to Bell. Bell had received a call on his radio show from [redacted] approximately [redacted] in which [redacted] claimed to be an authority

Several of these were played for Bell, he thought they were interesting and would appeal to his audience and [redacted]. The guests would not be in Bell's studio but would be on the show via the telephone.

Bell learned from [redacted] that he was from [redacted] and had some type of [redacted] analysis. Bell had no actual proof other than [redacted] word. Bell had [redacted] until one night [redacted]

Several times during breaks in the show, Bell told [redacted] that he did not want to hear any more [redacted] and to restrict the content to actual [redacted]. After promises by [redacted] to comply and then non-compliance, Bell [redacted]

[redacted] though his appearances on Bell's show, gained a

[redacted] A competing network of Bell's offered

[redacted] later appeared as a guest on other shows and [redacted]

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and otherwise spoke negatively about him. Bell never responded to any criticism nor allegations believing that it would only empower [redacted]

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Approximately a month ago, Bell began receiving messages over the Internet from Filipino individuals and groups alleging that Bell had issued derogatory messages against Filipinos over the Internet. Bell provided a copy of several of the messages which are attached and made a part of this document, and showed the investigating agent that his true America On Line Internet address is "artbell@aol.com. The bogus messages were from address "KatLover@artbell.com (Art Bell). Through an associate, Bell was able to learn that the messages originated from a server at the [redacted] Bell knows that [redacted] lives in [redacted] and consequently believes that [redacted] may be responsible for the anti-Filipino sentiment. [redacted] knows that Bell's wife is Filipino. [redacted] knows that Bell lives in Pahrump.

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Bell stated that the location of his residence in Pahrump is easily discovered and that the media has located, photographed and publicly aired the images. Bell maintains a genuine concern for his personal safety and has taken measures to secure his property. He has received threats in the past and usually does not take them seriously but with the level of personal information known by [redacted] and the conversation with [redacted] he is more concerned about both his safety and hers.

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Bell described [redacted] as a white male, early [redacted] born in [redacted] and residing in [redacted] He had no further information concerning him.

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Art Bell
Pahrump, Nevada
10 December, 1998

Dear Art,

I have been contacted with a matter of grave importance which may involve you.

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Please contact me regarding this matter and how to proceed.

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/8/99

[redacted] (protect identity), date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at a friend's in [redacted] at telephone [redacted] at the request of Art Bell. Bell had just spoken to [redacted] and Bell believed that [redacted] would have relevant information concerning [redacted] the possible subject responsible for threats against Bell. [redacted] was telephonically advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and thereafter voluntarily provided the following information.

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[redacted] was the [redacted] and was able to provide information concerning him and others who he may have threatened. Bell had played the tape recording for [redacted] of his conversation with [redacted] believes that [redacted] could also be known as [redacted] about Art Bell. [redacted] may also be known as (aka) [redacted] of [redacted] would know [redacted] aka [redacted] aka [redacted] requested that the [redacted] not be told how the FBI located them as they are in contact with [redacted] is in fear of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] She had met [redacted] and they became [redacted] when she moved away from [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] in reference to allegations on the tape recording that [redacted]

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[redacted] Incorporated, business phone [redacted] Web site [redacted]

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File # 178-LV-31368 Date dictated 1/8/99

by SA [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED], On 1/8/99, Page 2

[REDACTED] full time business. He also does [REDACTED] The business and his residence are located in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] cellular [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] is angry at Bell and a lot of other people. [REDACTED] never heard [REDACTED] make any direct threats or take any actions to carry out acts of anger or vengeance. However, she does know that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She does not know whom [REDACTED] She believes him capable of carrying out threats as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has a web site defaming [REDACTED] did not have a telephone number for [REDACTED] but explained that [REDACTED] phone number as well as additional information about [REDACTED] could be obtained from [REDACTED] at telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also recalled that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in a dispute with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] may have made death threats to him as well.

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[REDACTED] would recontact this agent with additional information concerning [REDACTED] upon her return to [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/8/99

Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell (victim) telephonically contacted this agent to advise that he had received two E-mail messages from [redacted] of [redacted]. Bell believes that [redacted] is the true name for [redacted] with whom he taped a telephone conversation with regarding threats by [redacted] against Bell. Bell will fax the E-mail messages to this agent.

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Additionally, Bell provided the name of another of [redacted] telephone numbers in [redacted] now at [redacted] and home in [redacted]. Bell played the tape recording of his conversation with [redacted] for [redacted] and she had some things she wished to discuss with the FBI concerning the tape. [redacted] had advised Bell that she knew that [redacted].

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Las Vegas Division
at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 1/19/99. Detective [redacted]
[redacted] Police Department advised by telephone that the
subscriber to telephone number [redacted] is [redacted]

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According to Detective [redacted] was extremely
frightened of [redacted] and was apprehensive about being interviewed
by the police in [redacted] without having a lawyer present.
[redacted] believed, based on the sound of her voice, that [redacted]
[redacted] was advised by Det. [redacted] to contact
the reporting agent to further discuss the matter of threats
against Art Bell by [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA 
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The attached facsimile was received on 1/19/99 from 
 and is in regards to 

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/27/1999

To: San Diego

Attn: Escondido RA
VCMO SSA

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted] (702) 383-3564

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: Set lead to conduct interviews. Victim is noted radio talk show host Art Bell who resides in the Las Vegas area.

Enclosures: Interview of Bell and attachments, interview of [redacted] interview of [redacted] with copies of E-mail messages.

Details: Art Bell, who hosts a nightly radio talk show dealing with supernatural phenomena, government conspiracies, UFO's and such, contacted this office regarding allegations of threats to harm or kill him (Bell) which were made by [redacted] to third persons.

In December, [redacted] Bell received a fax from an individual unknown to him advising him that a woman, met through the Internet, [redacted] that may involve Bell. Bell telephoned this individual and subsequently called a woman known as [redacted] and whose true name is [redacted] (protect identity). [redacted] and is a listener to Bell's radio talk show. [redacted] advised Bell that [redacted]

[redacted] believed that Bell's life might also be in danger based on threats of violence directed by [redacted] against Bell. Bell knows [redacted] and was genuinely concerned about the alleged threats. A copy of the FD-302 interview of Bell is enclosed for the information of San Diego.

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To: San Diego From: Las Vegas
Re: 178-LV-31368, 01/27/1999

Investigation has determined that [redacted]
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[redacted] on Bell's talk show. [redacted] he
was connected through the telephone. [redacted] hypothesizes that
[redacted]
[redacted] Bell thought
it made for good radio. Over a period of time and appearances,
[redacted] did not stay on the subject to which Bell had wanted him to
discuss. Bell discontinued [redacted]
[redacted] on Bell's show and
[redacted]

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In a telephonic interview with [redacted] (protect
identity) another [redacted] it was learned that [redacted]
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[redacted] Copies of the
FD-302 and other information provided are enclosed for San Diego.

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In a telephonic interview with [redacted] Bell's
[redacted] it was learned that ethnic hate E-mail is being sent in
Art Bell's name. Copies of several examples are enclosed. Bell
speculated, without any proof, that [redacted] may have authored the
E-mail. Investigation continues to attempt to identify the
source of the E-mails.

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To: San Diego From: Las Vegas
Re: 178-LV-31368, 01/27/1999

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

SAN DIEGO

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA

Interview [REDACTED] and attempt to determine his feelings towards Art Bell and the credibility of the threats made against Bell to "third persons." DO NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE THIRD PERSONS. Advise him that third persons have alleged death threats against Bell and others.

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[REDACTED] Admonish [REDACTED] regarding the provisions of Title 18, Section 875^c Interstate threatening communications.

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Also advise [REDACTED] of the hate E-mail being sent in Art Bell's name and admonish [REDACTED] against sending this sort of communications if he is doing so.

[REDACTED] is identified further as follows:

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Name:

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Date of Birth:

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Residence:

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Male

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/4/99

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] place of birth [redacted] and who resides in [redacted] residence telephone number [redacted] was telephonically advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent. [redacted] was contacted regarding her knowledge of [redacted] and an alleged threat against Art Bell. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that contrary to the conversation that she had with Art Bell, [redacted]

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[redacted] is a big fan of Art Bell's and [redacted] about Art Bell. She has heard [redacted] make negative comments about Bell including [redacted] She did not characterize this as a threat, but merely another statement of frustration. [redacted] characterized [redacted]

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[redacted] does not know the veracity of these stories. [redacted]

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[redacted] claims that [redacted] against Bell. [redacted] claims that Bell does the same to [redacted] believes [redacted] believes the bad feelings from [redacted]

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File # 178-LV-31368 Date dictated 2/4/99

by SA [redacted]: [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED], On 2/1/99, Page 2

Bell towards [REDACTED] are personal as well as academic.

[REDACTED] does not believe that [REDACTED] is serious in any threats he may have made against Bell.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/25/1999

On February 22, 1999 at approximately 2:55 PM, [redacted]
[redacted] date of birth: [redacted], Social Security Number
[redacted] residence address: [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the identity of the
interviewing Agent and provided the following information:

[redacted] stated he knows Art Bell and [redacted]
[redacted] Art Bell's radio talk show, which deals with the
alternative UFO movement. [redacted]
[redacted] Art Bell [redacted]
[redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that Art Bell has [REDACTED]

[redacted] by Art Bell, who told him that Bell had [redacted] [redacted] stated that this information that Bell had was regarding a [redacted] [redacted] stated that to his knowledge, Bell did not release this information, however, because of the [redacted] [redacted] stated that he believed Art Bell was angry with [redacted] [redacted]

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Investigation on 2/22/99 at San Diego, Ca

File # 178-LV-31368

Date dictated 2/23/99

by

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

, On 2/22/99

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Art Bell contacted him
and was angry because [REDACTED] Art
Bell threatened to [REDACTED] explained that
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] he
was contacted by Art Bell who told [REDACTED] that he had heard that
[REDACTED] said that he told Bell, "No"
and Bell responded, [REDACTED] By
way of background, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by Art Bell.

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[REDACTED] stated that the only threats he has made against
Art Bell are to [REDACTED] which is a reference to
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[REDACTED] stated that he has [REDACTED] on
[REDACTED] to Art Bell and Bell has not responded. [REDACTED]
stated that he has sent [REDACTED] to Art Bell and wants to
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he [REDACTED]
the web regarding Art Bell. [REDACTED] stated that he has never posted
[REDACTED] stated
that he [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated he does not know where [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that he was aware that this negative e-mail
was being directed at Art Bell when he spoke to Bell's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that this negative information which has been sent to Art Bell [REDACTED] and Bell has [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Bell resigned from his radio talk show [REDACTED] stated that he was not aware of [REDACTED] Bell returned to the radio program [REDACTED] believed Bell had [REDACTED]
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David Oates stated that he does own the following
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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that Art Bell's [REDACTED] had contacted him and stated that the FBI was going to interview him [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] concluded the interview by stating that he believes that Art Bell is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that Art Bell has told him on numerous occasions that he (Bell) will [REDACTED] stated he feels this is another move by Bell to accomplish this task.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/25/1999

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [REDACTED]
VCMO/Squad 5

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From: San Diego

Squad 4 - NCRA

Contact: SA [REDACTED] (760) 929-0811

Approved By: [REDACTED]

3/4/99

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 JV (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
INTERSTATE THREAT

Synopsis: Lead set to conduct interview with [REDACTED]
covered on 2/22/99.

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Enclosure(s): Interview of [REDACTED] and attachments.

Details: Las Vegas EC to San Diego dated 1/27/99 requested [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] be interviewed, attempts be made to determine [REDACTED]
feelings toward Arthur Bell and determine the credibility of the
threats made by [REDACTED] to "third persons". Las Vegas also
requested [REDACTED] to
advise [REDACTED] regarding hate e-mail being sent in Art Bells name
and to admonish [REDACTED] against sending this type of communication,
if he is doing so.

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An interview of [REDACTED] conducted on 2/22/99 indicated that
[REDACTED] and Bell are in a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] claims Bell has threatened
him on numerous occasions and is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A review of [REDACTED]
website on the Internet, [REDACTED] details the
history of the Bell [REDACTED] which apparently was discussed
widely within the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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For information of the Las Vegas Division, [REDACTED] was
notified by Art Bell's [REDACTED] that Bell had
contacted FBI LV and that he [REDACTED] was going to be interviewed
by the FBI [REDACTED] This prior notification to [REDACTED]
by the Bell camp made it [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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SEARCHED [REDACTED]	INDEXED [REDACTED]
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FBI — LAS VEGAS	
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To: Las Vegas From: San Diego
Re: 178-LV-31368, 02/25/1999

of any threats made against Bell to "third persons". It was determined during the interview that [redacted] feelings toward Bell are very clear, [redacted]

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Query of the CLETS Systems indicates that [redacted] the following weapons:

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[redacted] stated during the interview that he has [redacted] Art Bell but was, however, advised of the provisions of Title 18, Section 875, Interstate Threatening Communications.

[redacted]
[redacted] stated that he is not even aware of the [redacted] where the hate e-mail is originating from.

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During the interview, [redacted] made counter accusations regarding Art Bell. [redacted] also feels that Art Bell is [redacted]

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Based on the above, San Diego considers this lead covered.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/17/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Closed)

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III-VICTIM;
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: It is recommended that this investigation be closed.

Details: Lead to interview [REDACTED] was covered by San Diego
Division. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The original information
of a threat came by way of Bell and a conversation he had with
[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in which
allegations were made that [REDACTED] had threatened Bell. In a
follow-up interview with [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had made
threats against Bell and that [REDACTED]

In light of investigation which was not able to
substantiate threats against Bell, it is recommended that this
matter be closed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/03/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Pending)-13

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III-VICTIM;
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: It is recommended that this investigation be reopened based on new threats allegedly received by Bell. Additional documentation to follow.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/3/99

Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell, spoke telephonically to the interviewing agent, with whom he was acquainted from previous interviews, to advise of a new threat against him. Bell advised that an Internet web site contained information regarding [redacted] by Art Bell and the FBI. This [redacted] and alleged threats made by [redacted] against Bell. Bell believed that the words, [redacted]

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[redacted] The reference to fire is that pertaining to a [redacted]

A copy of the information faxed from Bell on May 2, 1999, which was downloaded from the web site is attached and made a part of this document.

Additionally, a fax was received on May 3, 1999 which is attached and made a part of the permanent file. This fax is a downloaded [redacted] to Art Bell concerning [redacted]

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File # 178-LV-31368 - 14 Date dictated 5/3/99
by SA [redacted]

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(775) 727 1832

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FROM: ART BELL

(775) 727-1832

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/4/99

Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell, spoke telephonically to the interviewing agent, with whom he was acquainted from previous interviews, to advise of a [REDACTED]

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The communication was faxed to SA [REDACTED] and read and then telephonically discussed with Mr. Bell. SA [REDACTED] is not able to substantiate at this point that the conversations contained therein were in fact authored by the individuals alluded to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] to Bell. Some of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and some of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Bell was advised that [REDACTED] Which time was she telling the truth and when was she lying?

Bell was advised that the investigation is continuing.

A copy of the information faxed from Bell on May 3, 1999, at 10:22 p.m., which was downloaded from a web site is attached and made a part of this document. Bell was made aware of this information by [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]

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File # 178-LV-31368 -15 Date dictated 5/5/99

by SA [REDACTED]

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Las Vegas Division
at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on May 5, 1999:

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A discussion was held between reporting agent and [redacted]
[redacted] FBI, Las Vegas Division,
concerning the Internet, web sites and chat rooms. According to
Mr. [redacted] web sites could contain totally fictitious chat room
conversation logs. The logs can be easily manipulated and the
content of the web sites is totally unregulated.

Identifying the sender and receiver of chat room
conversations may be verified by identifying the Internet service
provider (ISP) and the Internet Provider address. This could
verify if a certain subscriber was on the computer at a given
time if the service maintains logs. Individual chat room logs
can be saved to an individual's computer but also can be easily
manipulated or totally fabricated.

Mr. [redacted] will further research how it might be verified if
an individual did in fact send certain messages.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/5/99

A telephone call was received from [redacted], also known as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] in which she advised reporting agent that additional chat room logs had been posted by [redacted] at web site:

[redacted] These logs contain alleged conversations between [redacted] and [redacted] and allegedly [redacted] against [redacted]

SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he is not able to substantiate at this point that the conversations contained therein were in fact authored by the individuals alluded to ([redacted]). The chat logs contain many statements by [redacted]. Some of the logs are [redacted] and [redacted] and some of the logs are to/from PM [redacted] and PM [redacted] was advised that [redacted] claimed to have [redacted]

[redacted] was advised that the investigation is continuing.

Copies of the log were faxed to this office by Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell and are attached and made a part of this document.

Investigation on 5/5/99 at Las Vegas, Nevada (telephonically)

File # 178-LV-31368 -17 Date dictated 5/5/99

by SA [redacted]

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New Site:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/5/99

A telephone call was received from [redacted] also known as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] telephone [redacted] in which she advised reporting agent that a [redacted] had been posted by [redacted] on a web site. These logs contain alleged [redacted] and [redacted] and allegedly contain threats against Art Bell.

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[redacted] advised that she had been a [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] and had been enrolled in a course which she had won. [redacted]

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[redacted] An argument ensued as he would not provide her with the certification from the conclusion of the course and claimed that she had not completed the correspondence homework. [redacted]

[redacted] claimed that [redacted] has a [redacted] and has [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] claims that he recalls [redacted] This information is contained in the [redacted] posted on the Internet in a web site which had been put up by [redacted] also known as [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted] [redacted] She could not provide specific evidence to support this.

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She was unable to download and fax the material but will contact Art Bell and ask him to do same. Copies of the log were faxed to this office by Arthur William Bell, III, also known as Art Bell.

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by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/21/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Denver
Squad 5

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-0 -1182

Title: WILLIAM ARTHUR BELL, aka
ART BELL; - 178-LV-31368-P
THREATS [redacted]

Synopsis: FBI Denver contacted by [redacted] attorney representing [redacted] concerning threats by Art Bell.

Enclosures:

Details: [redacted], attorney, [redacted] Denver, Colorado, [redacted] advised she represented [redacted] who was the subject of a prior investigation conducted by SA [redacted] FBI. [redacted] stated allegations had been made that [redacted] had [redacted] was later determined to be false.

[redacted] advised that for about one year Bell [redacted] against [redacted] on his radio show and via the Internet. She described [redacted] as Bell stating on his radio show in reference to [redacted] that sometimes [redacted]

[redacted] According to [redacted] [redacted] noted that Bell and [redacted] are [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she is reviewing [redacted] E-mails from Bell and will provide any that contain overt threats to the FBI.

Indices reference both Bell and [redacted] in 178-LV-31368. Bell is identified as Willam Arthur Bell, date of birth 07/17/1945. [redacted] is identified as having a date of birth of [redacted]

This is being provided to Las Vegas for information purposes only.

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Date of transcription 6/1/99

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
Social Security Account Number [redacted] telephonically
contacted this agent. [redacted] was advised of the official identity
of the interviewing agent. [redacted] can be reached at his office at
[redacted] or at his cellular number at [redacted].

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[redacted] had been advised to contact the FBI by his
attorney [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted this agent [redacted]
with Art Bell. [redacted] claimed that he [redacted]
against Bell. According to [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] at worst they might be construed as
wishful thinking or merely annoying. [redacted] further stated that
Bell's [redacted] (phonetic), has sent him [redacted]

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The web site which listed the name of this agent
published by [redacted] was a [redacted]
[redacted] stated that it is
very easy to edit information and republish it as original.

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[redacted] against Art Bell until he was
interviewed by the FBI. [redacted] claimed that Bell has made

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[redacted] was advised by the interviewing agent of the
limitations of the FBI's investigative interest in terms of
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File # 178-LV-31368 Date dictated 6/1/99

by SA [redacted]

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at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on June 22, 1999.

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The [redacted] was
scanned [redacted] Art Bell. Nothing
was easily found.

The [redacted]
[redacted] was accessed, however a password is needed and entry to
the site could not be made.

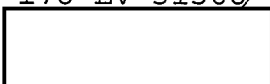
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The artbell.com web site of Art Bell was accessed. No
easily located material on [redacted] could be located. [redacted]
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either [redacted] or Bell in the [redacted]

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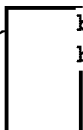
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The following is attached for the record of the file concerning an article in the Las Vegas Review Journal, 7/27/99, about threats against Art Bell.

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Host of talk show claims threats from former guests

By Carri Geer
Review-Journal

Radio talk show host Art Bell claims two former guests have threatened him and caused him to fear for his safety since he filed a defamation lawsuit against them in May.

Bell obtained temporary protective orders June 21 in Pahrump Justice Court against Colorado resident David John Oates and Montana resident Robert A.M. Stephens.

A justice of the peace is expected to decide Aug. 19 whether those one-month orders will be extended for a year, as Bell has requested.

"Five witnesses have now come forward and described Oates as an angry and potentially mentally ill individual who believes he is Jesus Christ, uses drugs, owns firearms, may have killed in the past, and has repeatedly threatened the physical safety of Bell and threatened to burn down his home," according to one court document Bell filed last week.

"Absolutely nothing has changed since this court issued its protective order that would relieve Mr. Bell's fears."

Oates, reached Monday afternoon on his cellular phone as he drove to a lecture in Salt Lake City, emphatically denied the allegations, although he admitted he owns firearms.

"I don't think there's a crime in that in America, is there?" asked Oates, a native of Australia.

Another court document, also filed last week by Bell, claims Stephens has pledged to gather 500 people for a "sit-in" at the talk show host's home in Pahrump.

"In addition, Stephens has continued to post threats and abusive language on the Internet that is directed at Bell," the



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document alleges.

It further claims Stephens physically abused his ex-wife, who obtained a protective order against him in Montana. Stephens could not be reached for comment Monday.

Oates, who bills himself as a specialist in the field of "reverse speech" — the analysis of taped speech played backward — said he was shocked when he learned Bell had obtained a protective order against him. He has asked the court to dissolve it.

"The protective order is absolutely ridiculous," he said. "It's stupid. I never go to Nevada."

Oates claimed Bell sought the orders to bolster his defamation case and garner publicity. He denied threatening Bell either directly or indirectly.

"I have no intentions of doing any harm to Bell," he said.

Bell filed a \$60 million lawsuit in May in Los Angeles County Superior Court that accuses Oates and Stephens of slandering him by falsely describing him as a pedophile and child pornographer. Since then, the case has been moved to federal court, and Oates has filed a countersuit against Bell.

4B/Las Vegas Review-Journal/Tuesday, July 27, 1999

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/29/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted] x564

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-0
178-LV-32741
178-LV-31368

Title: [redacted]
Arthur William Bell - Victim;
Threatening Communications;

Synopsis: Attached faxed information received from [redacted]
Premiere Radio Networks concerning threatening communications.

Details: Numerous threats are received by this office concerning Art Bell the radio talk show host. This information is being placed in the file with no investigative actions intended. SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] and advised that Las Vegas FBI is not conducting any investigation concerning [redacted] as there is no known Las Vegas connection, no certainty of an actual threat against Art Bell, [redacted] and no information that [redacted] has knowledge of the whereabouts of Bell. The matter appears to be handled at the local level by the Atoka, Oklahoma Police Department.

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close [redacted] 2/7/00



close case 1/28/2000

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To:

Special Agent [REDACTED]

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From:

[REDACTED]

Re:

Another Treat Against Art Bell

Date:

November 24, 1999

Pages:

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I want to bring to your attention another threat against the life of Art and [REDACTED]
This one in particular is being viewed as very serious by the Atoka, Oklahoma Police
Department, and all of us at the Premiere Radio Networks. Here are the basic facts as I
know them.

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Another [REDACTED] recently had a guest on his
program [REDACTED] who received a letter from a listener that was crazier and more
disturbed than most of the "disturbed letters" public figures tend to receive. It contained

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[REDACTED]

Here are the basic chain of events;

[REDACTED] turns over letter he received from [REDACTED] to the Atoka, Oklahoma
Police Department. Telephone 580-889-3250.

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Atoka Police Detective [REDACTED] investigates and interviews [REDACTED] During the
interview, [REDACTED] Detective
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is sent to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[redacted] appears to have been [redacted]
[redacted] He claims to have been [redacted]

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[redacted] went before the judge this morning in [redacted]
[redacted]

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I will speak with the [redacted] He is
[redacted]

Our main concern is that we are extremely worried that a [redacted]
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I would be very grateful if you would look into this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your help.

cc [redacted]
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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/22/2000

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-31368 (Closed) -24

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
INTERSTATE THREATS;

Synopsis: Close Investigation.

Details: No further communications of a threatening or harassing nature made by [REDACTED] to Bell have been brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [REDACTED] was interviewed and denied making the threats and stated he had no intention of harming Bell. As all logical investigation has been conducted and does not appear to merit prosecution, it is recommended that this investigation be closed. (X)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/26/1999

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted] (702) 383-3564

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 178-LV-

Title: [redacted]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: Victim is well known radio personality. E-mails from [redacted] threatening death received by Art Bell who resides in the Las Vegas area. Open case and assign to SA [redacted]

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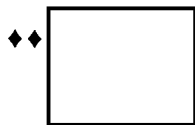
Details: Attached fax received from [redacted] of the Premiere Radio Network which syndicates Art Bell's radio program. [redacted] advised in a follow-up telephone call that Premiere had hired a private detective who identified the sender as the subject: [redacted]

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Referenced organization in E-Mail is noted as [redacted] and same phone number as [redacted]

Reporting agent also contacted by attorney for Premiere, [redacted] Attorney, with the firm of [redacted] telephone [redacted] wanted to know if the FBI was going to conduct an investigation. Reporting agent advised him that we were looking into the matter.

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Offers Assign to
SA [redacted]

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To: Agent [REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Re: Email Threats To Art Bell
Date: October 19, 1999
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Here are the three email threats just received by Art Bell. We are very grateful to you for having a look at them. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. My telephone numbers are;

Work: [REDACTED]
Cellular: [REDACTED]
Home: [REDACTED]

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Art Bell can be reached at: 775-727-1832

Once again, many thanks for your help.

10/20/99 - Tel. MSG. From [REDACTED] THEY HURED P.I. WHO LOCATED E MAIL SENDER

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TEL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Date Received 11/16/93

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(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By _____
(Name of Special Agent)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Reference: 302 DATED 11/16/93
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/2/1999

To: Sacramento
Houston

Attn: Redding RA

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [REDACTED] (702) 383-3564

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Pend [REDACTED])

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: Victim is well known radio personality, Art Bell. E-mails from [REDACTED] threatening death received by Art Bell who resides in the Las Vegas area. E-mail address traced by private detective to [REDACTED] Leads to Sacramento and Houston.

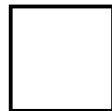
Details: Art Bell is a syndicated radio talk show host. He is syndicated on over 600 stations nationwide. His shows frequently deal with government conspiracies and extraterrestrial aliens. He has a large audience of listeners; some are supporters, others fanatics and still others are hate-mongers.

Attached fax received from [REDACTED] of the Premiere Radio Network which syndicates Art Bell's radio program. [REDACTED] advised in a follow-up telephone call that Premiere had hired a private detective who identified the sender as the subject:

[REDACTED]

Referenced organization in E-Mail is noted as [REDACTED] and same phone number as [REDACTED]

Reporting agent also was contacted by attorney for Premiere Radio, [REDACTED] Attorney, with the firm of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] wanted to know if the FBI was going to conduct an investigation.



To: Sacramento From: Las Vegas
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/2/1999

Reporting agent advised him that the FBI is "looking into the matter."

[] is further identified as follows:

Name:
Race:
Sex:
DOB:
SSAN:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
CA Drivers Lic:
Current Address:

Male

Past Address:

Business:

tel.

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Reference located in indices for []

[] Investigation closed due to AUSA declination to prosecute.

Investigation on 10/27/99 to verify E-mail address yielded the following information. E-mail transmitted through a relay server at web site www.imalbox.com, telephone []

[] provided the following information: [] is not a customer of their e-mail service. His e-mail address [] does not exist and could not receive mail. It is possible that he or someone else requested information and received a free 30 day subscription which includes information on how to get into the website and send e-mail. Anyone can do this and send out e-mail with any made up name; they cannot receive e-mail unless they are a subscriber.

[] had also been contacted by Attorney [] regarding this matter and provided him with the same information. She was able to examine the header information in the e-mail and determined that the message was transmitted using Network Navigator E-Gold, an older software version. She theorized based on this that the sender was a small home user and not particularly sophisticated as he could have down loaded for free a more up to date version of the software. The e-mail came from

To: Sacramento From: Las Vegas
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/2/1999

a server identified as www.compac.net. The IP address was 208.25.112.203 at the time the message was sent at 1:06:25 a.m. on 10/19/99.

The administrator of www.compac.net was identified as [redacted] at telephone number [redacted]. Looking at the web site, [redacted] thought it looked very unprofessional and thought it could be a very small operation. The possibility also existed that [redacted] was the originator of the threatening message and transmitted using a forgery e-mail name and address. This could not be determined. Telephone calls placed to the number by this investigating agent were not returned.

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[redacted] also was able to determine that [redacted] [redacted] and has a web site. They sell [redacted]. The business is located at [redacted].

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Administrative: For the information of Sacramento and Houston, Art Bell receives many threats and communications through E-mail over the Internet. Bell has contacted this office many times in the past when he receives a communication more direct and threateningly explicit in its message. Las Vegas has looked into a very few of these threats. This one is ascribed to an identifiable individual who was located by a private investigator hired by Premiere Radio Networks. Las Vegas is not absolutely certain that the [redacted] herein identified is in fact the sender of the communication and did attempt to investigate the e-mail origin. Any prosecution will depend on results of leads and credibility of threats yet to be presented to the United States Attorney. Las Vegas appreciates the assistance of Sacramento and Houston.

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To: Sacramento From: Las Vegas
Re: 178-LV-32741, 11/2/1999

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

SACRAMENTO, REDDING RA

[REDACTED]

Conduct normal background checks on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Locate and interview [REDACTED] concerning the nature of
the threats and his stated and implied intentions to kill Bell.
Advise [REDACTED] of provisions of Title 18 USC 875, regarding
threatening interstate communications.

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Make assessment as to present or future potential
dangers to Bell and to prosecutive merit of this subject.

Set Lead 2:

HOUSTON

[REDACTED]

Contact Year 2000 Support Line/www.compac.net
administrator [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]
Interview to attempt to determine if [REDACTED] is an e-mail
client and if he had logged on to the server using the above
noted IP address at the designated times. If not [REDACTED] attempt
to identify e-mail subscriber who sent referenced messages
(copies attached.)

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Cautionary Note: According to [REDACTED] it is even
possible that the threatening e-mail originated from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and that he had forged the e-mail address of [REDACTED]

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Lead Upload Report

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Serial: 2

*** Lead 1 unable to be set. ***
Reason: Set to office invalid.
OFFICE: SACRAMENTO, REDDING RA

Lead 2 Set to: HOUSTON

Total leads set: 1
Total leads not set: 1



To: Agent [redacted]

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From: [redacted]

Re: More On Email Threats To Art Bell

Date: October 20, 1999

Pursuant to the email threats Art Bell received yesterday, our company hired a private detective agency to try and locate the individual sending the threats. We believe this has successfully been accomplished. He is;



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The organization [redacted] claims to represent, [redacted] has an address of;



Telephone is the same as [redacted]

We would be very grateful if your office would act upon this information as soon as possible, and let us know of the result.

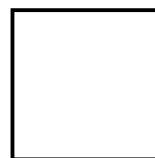
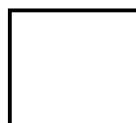
Once again, thank you very much for your attention to this potentially life threatening matter.

cc: [redacted]
Art Bell
[redacted]

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REC'D 11/3/99



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on 11/16/1999 at [redacted]

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Review of local street maps revealed no street bearing the name [redacted]. However, there exists a street, bearing the name [redacted] which is located in the unincorporated portion of [redacted]. A physical check of the area revealed that the [redacted] exists; however, [redacted] does not. An unidentified elderly white male, who apparently works for a tennis club at the end of the [redacted] did not recognize the name [redacted] and advised that [redacted] does not exist.

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Physical contact was attempted at [redacted]. The office consisted of one suite which was located among other seemingly unrelated suites. An unidentified white male, who was working in an adjacent suite (apparently unrelated to [redacted]), advised that the suite belonging to [redacted] is involved in a "bunch of businesses," and the employees at [redacted] do not occupy the [redacted] suite on a regular basis. The employees come and go on a seemingly irregular basis.

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Physical contact was attempted at [redacted]

[redacted]

Telephonic contact was made with [redacted] of the [redacted] advised that [redacted] is the [redacted]. As provided by [redacted] telephone number is [redacted].

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[redacted] telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at [redacted] and an interview was scheduled and later conducted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/16/99

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] social security account number [redacted] home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] who works as a [redacted] [redacted] work telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. After being advised of the interviewing agent's identity and purpose for the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] identified as [redacted] date of birth [redacted] home address in the city and providence of [redacted] is currently living in the [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] communicate with each other via electronic mail (e-mail) over the Internet. [redacted] former e-mail address, that he used approximately one and a half years ago for six months prior to that time, was [redacted]. Though, for the past one and a half years, [redacted] e-mail has been [redacted]. This e-mail service does not cost [redacted] anything to use. [redacted] use of this e-mail service is generally for purposes of communicating with [redacted] in the [redacted] e-mail address is [redacted]

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Approximately two months ago, [redacted] received an e-mail message from [redacted]. With this e-mail message, [redacted] forwarded dialogue from ART BELL. [redacted] was unable to recall the exact wording of the dialogue; however, he recalled that it contained excerpts from BELL. The excerpts related to [redacted]

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[redacted] had expressed concern to [redacted] about coming to the United States, fearing how she would be treated by the American people. Because of [redacted] concerns and the fact that BELL's dialogue was [redacted] [redacted] became disgusted over it.

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b7CInvestigation on 11/16/99 at [redacted]File # 178-LV-32741Date dictated 11/16/99

by SA [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

, On 11/16/99

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When [REDACTED] read BELL's dialogue, it was late at night, and he had [REDACTED] and responded to BELL's dialogue.

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Included in the forwarded dialogue from [REDACTED] was a shortcut link to BELL's web sight. [REDACTED] could not recall what the name of BELL's web sight was. [REDACTED] clicked on the shortcut link and entered BELL's web sight. Upon accessing BELL's web sight, [REDACTED] located an e-mail option. [REDACTED] clicked on the e-mail option, and an e-mail screen appeared. [REDACTED] typed two separate e-mail messages, which were approximately one sentence in length and sent minutes apart. The messages from [REDACTED] to BELL's e-mail were paraphrased as follows:

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1st message: [REDACTED]

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2nd message: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] could not recall the exact wording he used in the messages he sent to BELL's e-mail. [REDACTED] hopes that he did not threaten BELL's life, but it is possible that he stated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he does not listen to BELL's radio program. [REDACTED] also stated that sending e-mail messages to BELL was a one time event. Other than the above listed messages, [REDACTED] denied sending any other communications to BELL.

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[REDACTED] has never [REDACTED] has never considered, and is not currently considering, inflicting any injury, or otherwise carrying out any threats on BELL. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] computer, the one he used to send the e-

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mails to BELL, is one of the first Pentium class computers made.
[REDACTED] considers his computer to be old. [REDACTED] advised
that he deleted the e-mail messages he sent to BELL's e-mail. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] did this the morning after he initially sent them to BELL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/16/1999

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [REDACTED]
Squad 5, VCMO

From: San Francisco

[REDACTED] Resident Agency

Contact: SA [REDACTED] (707) 443-4330

Approved By [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
THREATENING E-MAILS

Synopsis: To report on investigation and enclose documents for Las Vegas.

Reference: 178-LV-32741 Serial 2

Enclosures: Enclosed for Las Vegas are two (2) inserts, accompanied by one copy of each, and one (1) FD-302, accompanied by one copy and original interview notes.

Details: The purpose of this EC is to report on the investigation at [REDACTED] and enclose the listed items for Las Vegas.

On 11/15/1999 and 11/16/1999, San Francisco conducted investigation re captioned matter. Subject [REDACTED] was located and interviewed. [REDACTED] admitted sending e-mail messages to BELL. Although [REDACTED] does not recall the exact content of the e-mail messages he sent, he indicated the messages may have threatened BELL's life.

[REDACTED] stated that he sent the messages to BELL because [REDACTED] received an e-mail message containing some dialogue of BELL's. In BELL's dialogue, BELL said bad things about [REDACTED]. BELL's comments evoked an emotional response by [REDACTED] which resulted in [REDACTED] sending possibly threatening messages to BELL.

[REDACTED] denied that he listens to BELL's radio show, that he has ever had any other communications with BELL, and he

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UPLOADED AS [REDACTED]

DATE 11/16/99

SA [REDACTED]

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indicated that he has no intention of carrying out any threats against BELL.

Unless otherwise requested, San Francisco considers this lead covered.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on 11/15/1999 at [redacted]

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Telephonic contact was made with [redacted] Police Department [redacted] Records Supervisor [redacted] ran a computerized records search of subject [redacted] date of birth [redacted]. The information obtained was as follows:

[redacted] has no current local arrest warrants.

[redacted] was arrested by [redacted] for an [redacted] from the [redacted] Court. No information regarding [redacted] address was noted.

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05/23/1989, the United States Army conducted a background investigation through [redacted]. No further details provided.

1991, [redacted] filed on him.

[redacted] was listed as a victim in an [redacted] investigation. The listed suspect was [redacted] [redacted] listed address and telephone number was [redacted]

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Telephonic contact with the Communications Unit of the San Francisco Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed the following:

[redacted] had no identifiable criminal history or NCIC arrest warrants.


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Las Vegas Division
at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The following investigation is reported for the
information of the file by SA  on February 3, 2000.

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Victim: William Arthur Bell, III, is also known as Art
Bell, date of birth June 17, 1945, Social Security Account Number
264-72-9933, he resides at 9041 Desert Lane, Pahrump, Nevada
89048, home telephone (702) 727-1832



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 178-LV-32741

John Lawrence Bailey FBI Building
700 East Charleston Boulevard
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
February 7, 2000

Honorable Kathryn Landreth
United States Attorney
801 E. Bridger Street, Suite 800
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

ATTENTION: AUSA [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Landreth:

This letter confirms the telephone conversation of February 4, 2000, between Special Agent [REDACTED] and AUSA [REDACTED] regarding a declination of prosecution.

During the telephone call, the essential facts of the preliminary investigation conducted concerning a threat by [REDACTED] against radio talk show host Art Bell were provided to AUSA [REDACTED]. Although [REDACTED] admitted during an interview with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to sending the threatening e-mails, he declared that they were sent in response to derogatory e-mail received concerning Filipinos. He stated that he had no intention of harming Art Bell and that the e-mails were not to be taken literally. [REDACTED] has no known criminal history.

AUSA [REDACTED] advised that prosecution under Title 18 United States Code, Section 875, would be declined based on the results of the investigation.

A copy of an Office of U.S. Attorney Case Initiation sheet is attached for your records.

Sincerely,

GRANT D. ASHLEY
Special Agent In Charge

By: [REDACTED]
SSA [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/22/2000

To: Las Vegas

From: Las Vegas

Squad 5, VCMO

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Closed)

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: Close investigation. Discontinue lead to Houston Division dated 11/2/99.

Details: [REDACTED] was interviewed and denied intending any harm to Bell. Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] contacted and concurred on denial of prosecution. Letter of concurrence sent to United States Attorney on February 7, 2000. As all logical investigation has been conducted and prosecution denied it is recommended that this investigation be closed.

Las Vegas requests lead to Houston, dated 11/2/99, which was never completed, be discontinued administratively.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/01/2000

To: Las Vegas

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

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From: Houston

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Contact: SA [REDACTED]

713 693-5291

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 178-LV-32741 (Pending) - 12

Title: [REDACTED]

ARTHUR WILLIAM BELL, III - VICTIM;
THREATENING E-MAILS;

Synopsis: To close lead.

Details: As per telcall on 2/25/2000 with Case Agent [REDACTED]
this lead has been discontinued and is being closed.

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No further action is required by the Houston Division.

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